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**DECEMBER, 2022 AND JANUARY, 2023**

## MESSAGE FROM CHRIS...

### Winter Draweth Nigh

If I am being perfectly honest, I am not a fan of winter. I am not a fan of cold weather and getting darker earlier, because I love to be outside. I'm not a fan of no leaves on trees and no green grass. I used to loathe snow. Prior to being called to ministry, my career was with Ingles Grocery, and anytime snow was called for, work was a nightmare. Quite often we see snow as a nuisance. It forces us to cancel church, school, businesses, and may seem to bring things around us to a screeching halt. However, now I must admit that I have become a huge fan of snow. There is just something about a fresh blanket of that white pure snow.

Psalm 147:16 (NIV)

<sup>16</sup> He spreads the snow like wool and scatters the frost like ashes.

Snow, like any other thing in nature and weather, is a gift from God. There is a phenomena that happens with snow where there seems to be a sense of calmness and quiet. The reality is that there is more quiet during a snow fall, and here is why:

As it turns out, there's a scientific reason behind the calming silence, with the characteristics of snow playing a big role in how sound can travel. When light, fluffy snow accumulates on the ground, it acts as a sound absorber, dampening sound waves much like commercial sound absorbing products. "Snow is going to be porous, and typically porous materials such as fibers and foams, and things of that sort, absorb sound pretty well," said David Herrin, a professor at the University of Kentucky's College of Engineering who studies acoustics. Usually it takes a couple of inches of snow, but even an inch can be reasonably absorbing especially if you go higher in frequency, according to Herrin. Sound absorption is measured on a scale from 0 to 1. Based on previous measurements, sound absorption for snow is in between 0.5 to 0.9.

"That implies that a good amount of sound is going to be absorbed," he said. However, as the structure of snow changes, the amount of noise in the surrounding environment could increase. When the snow surface melts and re-freezes, it can become hard and reflect sound waves, causing sounds to travel farther and become clearer, according to the National Snow and Ice Data Center (NSIDC). (taken from [www.accuweather.com](http://www.accuweather.com))

So let's enjoy the gift of the calmness and quietness of this coming winter's snow.

Pastor Chris

If you have any information that you would like to put in the newsletter for February, 2023, Carolyn will need it by Sunday, January 15, 2023.

We will continue to have a Tuesday morning Bible study during the month of December at 10:30 A.M., in the Fellowship Hall. Then, beginning in January, 2023, we will start a new study by Dr. David Jeremiah. Prayer meeting will follow at 11:30 A.M.

**MISSIONS PROJECT FOR NOVEMBER**

Thank you for your generous response to give ABCCM more help as they continue striving to make a difference for the community during the winter months and holiday season.

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA  
GLORIOUS IMPOSSIBLE**

Presented by the Enka Baptist Church  
Worship Choir

Sunday, December 11, 2022, 11:00 A.M.

Make plans to attend and invite your family and friends to worship with us.

CHRIS



TERESA

KAREN

MARY

CAROLYN

**Church Christmas Party**

Sunday, December 18, 2022

5:00 P.M.

Bring one or two finger goodies and join in the fun and fellowship.

**MISSION PROJECT FOR DECEMBER**

Lottie Moon International Christmas Offering

WMU Week of Prayer: November 27 through December 4, 2022

Goal: \$2,001

Offering will be taken from December 4, 2022 through January 1, 2023.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. John 1:14 (NIV)



**December 2022**

**January 2023**



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH ONE WHO HAS A BIRTHDAY IN DECEMBER 2022 AND JANUARY 2023.**

The bulletin board will be ready by December 4 for you to place a card on it as your Christmas greeting to your Church family.

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Every Sunday - (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

9:30 A.M. - Small Group Classes

**DECEMBER 2022**

- 11-27 - 12-04 Week of Prayer for Lottie Moon Offering
- 12-04 - 01-01 Lottie Moon Offering Will Be Taken
- 12-04 - 6:00 P.M. Brief Business Meeting, Bible Study, CIA, Youth
- 12-06 - 10:30 A.M. Tuesday Bible Study
- 12-11 - 11:00 A.M. Cantata, *Glorious Impossible*
- 5:00 P.M. No Choir Practice Tonight
- 12-13 - 10:30 A.M. Tuesday Bible Study
- 12-18 - 5:00 P.M. Church Christmas Party
- ABCCM Sunday
- 12-20 - 10:30 A.M. Tuesday Bible Study
- 12-25 - MERRY CHRISTMAS
- 5:00 P.M. No Choir Practice
- 6:00 P.M. No Service
- 12-27 - 10:30 A.M. Tuesday Bible Study

**JANUARY 2023**

- 01-01 - HAPPY NEW YEAR
- 11:00 A.M. Lord's Supper
- 5:00 P.M. No Choir Practice
- 6:00 P.M. No Service
- Last Day for Lottie Moon Offering
- 01-03 - 10:30 A.M. Tuesday Bible Study
- 01-08 - 5:00 P.M. Choir Practice
- 6:00 P.M. Devotions, Quarterly Business Meeting, CIA, Youth
- 01-10 - 10:30 A.M. Tuesday Bible Study
- 01-15 - 6:00 P.M. Adults on Mission, CIA, Youth
- 7:00 P.M. Church Council
- ABCCM Sunday
- 01-17 - 10:30 A.M. Tuesday Bible Study
- 01-22 - 6:00 P.M. Sunday Bible Study, CIA, Youth
- 01-24 - 10:30 A.M. Tuesday Bible Study
- 01-29 - 6:00 P.M. Sunday Bible Study, CIA, Youth
- 01-31 - 10:30 A.M. Tuesday Bible Study

NOTE: On the 3rd Sunday night in January, February, and March, we will not have Family Night.

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